

**Amendments to the Specification:**

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, at line 9 as shown below:*

The offgoing starting pressure during a current shift is received from the transmission controller, as shown at 52 in Figure 5.

*Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, at line 12 as shown below:*

If an offgoing friction element starting pressure adjustment is needed, as indicated at 54, that value is added to the base offgoing friction element starting pressure at 52 and is applied, as shown at 53, to the current shift at shift event module 56, which contains an algorithm representing the relationship between the shift progression, measured in this instance as a percentage shift complete, and time. Using the algorithm at 56, an initial slip time is computed, as shown at 58. Initial slip time is computed using initial shift progression target points 64 and 60. When the offgoing friction element starting pressure is incremented by the offgoing friction element starting pressure adjustment at 54, the slip time is determined as shown at 60. Extrapolated overall slip time for the offgoing friction element also is computed, as shown at 62, using the intermediate shift progression target points 68 and 70.